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FIRST DISTRICT, SOUTH CAROLINA

Legislative Review
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2013-2018



A MESSAGE FROM MARK SANFORD

Dear Friends,

It's been an honor to represent you in Congress and to attempt to advance the ideals of limited government and personal freedom while there. I've tried my very best to do these things, and my team put together what follows as a synopsis of our collective endeavors on your behalf. Indeed, the operative questions of leadership at any inflection point lie in what does it mean and where do we go from here?

What follows is at least a context for answering those questions - and the thousands of hours invested over the last five years in trying to represent the people of the Lowcountry and the principles of limited government. The legislative review is broken down into the five sections that represent the focal points of our efforts.

Debt, Deficit, and Government Spending — This has always represented the bullseye of what I've tried to affect in government. I believe it's been my job to work to protect your pocketbook or wallet from the ever-reaching hand of government. I've been devout in these efforts, and was indeed ranked in the top 10 in Congress in efforts to do so. If all my votes had prevailed, government's weight would collectively be about \$4 trillion lighter. This is important because money is a proxy for freedom - and freedom is the hallmark of the American experiment. There will always be a legitimate tension between security and freedom, but the Founding Fathers came down squarely on the side of individual liberty. It's also vital because I continue to believe that we are sleepwalking our way toward the greatest financial crisis in the history of our nation. If we don't turn spending around, the financial markets will do it for us, and the process by which they do so will be incredibly destructive.

Expanding Freedom and Protecting Civil Liberty — Once again, there is a legitimate tension between security and freedom - but too often civil liberty is the first casualty of our need for security. I tried to push for balance since large swaths of civil liberty had been forfeited in the name of security in a post-9/11 world.

Preserving Quality of Life in the Lowcountry — If one really believes in federalism, one understands that not all decisions need to be made in Washington. Local jurisdictions and people can come together and determine what works best for themselves and those they love without control from our nation's capital. This is a good part of what has driven my votes on this front. The rest has been directed based on a long-held belief that we should be proactive about protecting our natural resources and all that makes our state and the Lowcountry special. Conservatism, in my view, extends to more than just financial resources; it includes this Biblical notion of stewardship. We should take care of that with which we've been blessed.

Making Our Country More Competitive — Going back to my days as governor, I've also long believed that we have to be proactive about doing things that make our state, or in this case, country more competitive relative to other economies around the world. Our ability to pay debts and earn livings is contingent upon good policy on this front.

Upholding the Rule of Law — There are plenty of good ideas out there, but many don't fit with the idea of a limited federal government as prescribed by the Founding Fathers and the Constitution that they wrote. Upholding limited government, therefore, becomes a daily battle against in many cases well-intended ideas and remedies that would grow government beyond the Founding Fathers' intent. We fought that battle consistently.

Again, I hope that this overview gives you a context for the above-mentioned endeavors. I've worked consistently to try to advance the five ideals above, which were core to the promises I made in running for office. Above all, let me repeat myself: It's been an honor to have been in the arena on your behalf over these last five years.

Sincerely,

DEBT, DEFICIT, AND GOVERNMENT SPENDING

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Since returning to Congress in 2013, **Congressman Sanford voted for legislation that would have saved the taxpayer roughly \$4 trillion.** About \$3 trillion was from bills he voted against, but were enacted into law, and roughly \$1 trillion was legislation he voted for, but never made it to the President’s desk. Our analysis from SpendingTracker.org shows Sanford with a consistent record of voting to reduce federal spending and save taxpayer money.



—JONATHAN BYDLAK
COALITION TO REDUCE SPENDING

Legislation Introduced

ONE-PERCENT SPENDING REDUCTION ACT, (THE PENNY PLAN)

In 2016, Sanford worked with Senate Budget Committee Chairman Mike Enzi to introduce the One Percent Spending Reduction Act, also known as the ‘Penny Plan’. After voting against the \$1.4 trillion FY18 Omnibus, Sanford reintroduced the Penny Plan which would cut one cent from every dollar of federal spending to balance the budget in five years. The bill is simple, straightforward and has been endorsed by FreedomWorks, National Taxpayers Union.

In an op-ed, Sanford wrote, “This bill puts the power of compound interest on the side of limited government rather than where it usually rests in growing government. Small growth consistent over time adds to big numbers. In this same light, small cuts to government over time eventually add to big numbers vital to balancing our budget.”

THE DEBT LIMIT CONTROL AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT

This bill would prevent the Treasury Department from employing its “extraordinary measures” - temporary accounting gimmicks - to avoid breaching the debt limit, as well as repeal the authority for the President to modify the debt limit. The debt limit would once again become a specific dollar amount that Congress sets through a stand-alone vote. It would also express the sense of Congress that the debt limit should not be suspended, that increases should be tied to controls on the long-term growth of spending, and that the Treasury Department should prioritize payments in a way that prevents a default, should Congress fail to raise the debt limit.

HIGHWAY RESTORATION ACT

The Highway Trust Fund was created to pay for road construction projects from the federal gas tax. Yet today, roughly 15% of those funds are directed specifically towards mass transit projects. The Highway Restoration Act would simply phase out the Mass Transit Account from the Highway Trust Fund and ensure that highway dollars are in fact spent on highways. The Highway Trust Fund faces a funding shortfall of \$111 billion by 2026 and this bill represents a step towards solvency. Endorsed by 15 national advocacy organizations including National Taxpayers Union, Club for Growth and Competitive Enterprise Institute.

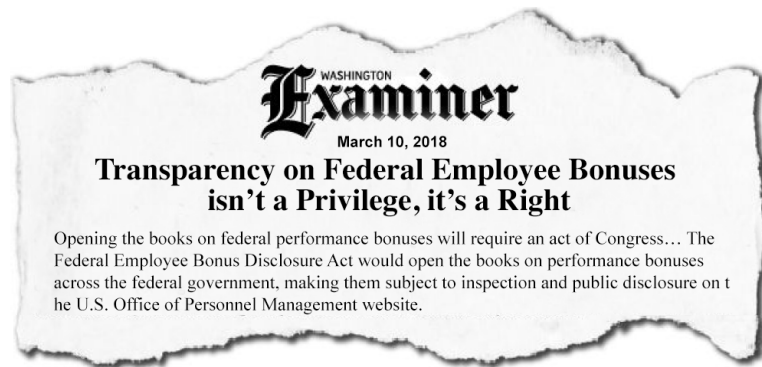
TSA ACCOUNTABILITY ACT

Requires the Transportation Security Administration to end the practice of paying higher wages to employees for skills not used on the job. **Passed House, June 2014.**

SCOREKEEPER/ORGANIZATION		SANFORD LIFETIME VOTE SCORE
 National Taxpayers Union		A *ranked in top 1% of Congress
 Citizens Against Government Waste		92%
 Club for Growth		93% *1 of 5 Members of Congress with 100% in 2016
 FreedomWorks		93%
 Conservative Review		93%
 Open the Books		96% *ranked #2 in House of Representatives

FEDERAL EMPLOYEE BONUS DISCLOSURE ACT

More than \$1 billion in bonuses for federal employees were paid by taxpayers in 2016. Making the situation worse, these were not disclosed publicly. Sanford introduced the Federal Employee Bonus Disclosure Act which would require disclosure of all federal employee bonuses. The bill was included as a legislative priority in the Republican Study Committee's FY2019 Budget.



Amendments Offered

Flyover Cost Tracker Amendment — The amendment requires the Pentagon to track costs of National Guard flyovers at public events. Without knowing how much these flights are costing, we will never know if these flyovers are wasting taxpayer dollars. As an example, according to ESPN, four jets “[that took off] in Virginia streaked over Cowboys Stadium in Arlington, Texas [for the 2011 Super Bowl]. Because the weather was bad, the stadium roof was closed, so the flyover was visible only to TV viewers and those at the game who watched it on the giant video board. It prompted some to question the cost of the flyover to taxpayers, with one reporter in Dallas suggesting it cost \$450,000.” **Adopted as part of 2018 NDAA.**

Transparent Airfares Act — Included as an amendment in FAA Reauthorization legislation and ensures that government-imposed fees and taxes are disclosed to consumers when buying an airline ticket.

Eliminating Wasteful Defense Department Spending on Ammunition — The United States Military spends \$6.6 billion on ammunition procurement. Prior to 2017, the Army and Marine Corps used different versions of the same caliber of rifle bullets. Keeping duplicative ammunition stocks adds to logistical overhead and reduces volume discounts. Sanford's amendment required that the Marines and the Army work towards using the same variant of 5.56mm rifle ammunition, leading to saving hundreds of thousands of taxpayer dollars. **Adopted as part of 2017 NDAA.**

Eliminating the Zero-Emissions Airport Vehicle Program — Offered to the Federal Aviation Administration Reauthorization Act in 2016. The Zero-Emissions Airport Vehicle program was created in 2012 in order to help incentivize the use of fully electric airport vehicles. Authorized at \$1 million, this program has yielded zero successful examples of Zero Emissions Airport Vehicles and is a clear example of why the federal government cannot pick winners and losers in the marketplace.

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Rep. Sanford is, in a behind-the-scenes way, one of the most respected and influential Members of Congress on all matters regarding economic, especially fiscal, policy. He is a rare bird: a true anti-spending hawk.

Forbes

Preventing Airport Infrastructure Funding for Non-Airport Related Uses — Included as an amendment during the FAA reauthorization bill markup that would stop airports from diverting taxpayer dollars from airport infrastructure projects to other non-airport related uses.



Key Cosponsorships

Two Constitutional Balanced Budget Amendments — Requires Congress to spend no more than it receives in tax revenue in a given year, thereby balancing the annual federal budget. They would require a 3/5 majority vote to increase the debt limit or raise taxes.

Federal Reserve Transparency Act — Seeks to submit the Federal Reserve Board and banks to a comprehensive audit of its assets, debts, actions, communications and transactions.

FairTax Act — Replaces our current tax system with a flat, national consumption tax and eventually abolishes the IRS.

Davis-Bacon Repeal Act — Repeals the Davis-Bacon Act, which requires the payment of a “prevailing wage” for workers on federal construction projects. Now eighty-six years old, the original intent of Davis-Bacon was to protect local workers from large national contractors who could offer lower bids for federal projects by bringing in lower-priced workers. Today, the Congressional Budget Office estimates that Davis-Bacon increases labor costs for federal construction projects to the tune of \$15.7 billion over 10 years.

End Federal Shutdowns Act — Provides specified continuing appropriations to prevent a government shutdown if any regular appropriations bill for a fiscal year has not been enacted or a joint resolution making continuing appropriations is not in effect after the fiscal year begins. The appropriations are provided to continue to fund projects and activities for which funds were provided in the preceding fiscal year.

Earmark Elimination Act — Establishes a point of order in the House of Representatives against considering legislation that contains a congressional earmark, limited tax benefit, or limited tariff benefit, as defined by the bill. If the point of order is successfully raised and sustained, the congressional earmark, limited tax benefit, or limited tariff benefit shall be deemed to be stricken from the legislation.

Key Votes

Voted against 5 omnibus spending bills in 5 years, including a \$1.3 trillion spending bill in March 2018 in which members of Congress were given 16 hours to read the 2,200-page legislation before voting. Sanford was 1 of 25 to vote *No*, twice.

Voted against the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2018, which increased existing caps on discretionary spending for FY2018 and FY2019 by a combined \$300 billion, as well as suspended the debt limit for one year without any long-term spending cuts or controls.

Voted against the Bipartisan Budget Deal of 2015 (Boehner-Obama), which suspended the debt limit and authorized \$80 billion in additional spending.

Voted against the Bipartisan Budget Deal of 2013 (Ryan-Murray), for the ways in which it removed the tools for financial discipline that were already in place, while increasing spending now by \$63 billion and promising to pay for it later.

Other Action

Amendment to kill proposed \$1.2 trillion Border Adjustment Tax on American consumers — Speaker Ryan and Chairman Brady proposed a border adjustment tax (BAT) as part of tax reform legislation. The BAT essentially amounted to what would have been a \$1.2 trillion tax on American consumers. Sanford drafted an amendment to block the BAT during Budget Committee markup on July 19, 2017. Five legislative days later, House Leaders announced they were dropping the border-tax proposal.

Led fight against efforts to raise the Passenger Facility Charge (PFC) — The PFC is one of many “fees” when buying an airline ticket. Current PFC is \$4.50 per leg of trip. In early 2018, the Senate called for raising from \$4.50 to \$8.50 on just the initial leg of the trip. Sanford led a letter (signed by 20 members) to House Leadership in opposition. Ultimately, the fees were left untouched in the FY18 Omnibus.

Saved taxpayers more than \$2.2 billion by reducing federal government’s real estate footprint — Serving on the Transportation & Infrastructure Committee, Sanford was responsible for considering General Services Administration (GSA) proposals for constructing, improving, and leasing federal offices and workspace. In 2014, the committee helped GSA shift from three-year leases to leases of ten or more years, ensuring real taxpayer savings of more than \$2.2 billion. Small efforts in the grand scheme of things, but directionally right.

Sanford Annual Office Budget

18%

average returned
annually for
deficit reduction



1.3 million

taxpayer dollars saved since 2013

EXPANDING FREEDOM AND PROTECTING CIVIL LIBERTY

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We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that amount these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.

—PREAMBLE TO THE
DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE

Legislation Introduced

OBAMACARE REPLACEMENT ACT

Prior to legislative debate on health care reform in early 2017, Sanford introduced the Obamacare Replacement Act, which was built around the notion that patient-centered, consumer-driven competition is the best way to lower costs and increase access to America's healthcare system. Among other things, the legislation sought to 1) legalize inexpensive insurance plans; 2) help individuals to buy insurance across state lines; and 3) allow individuals to band together to purchase insurance, increasing their purchasing power; 4) provide equal tax treatment for individual health insurance

purchasers; 5) expand access to and scope of Health Savings Accounts; and 6) increase state Medicaid flexibility.

Sanford's bill was endorsed by the House Freedom Caucus for the ways in which it advanced conservative, free-market principles in the larger debate to repeal and

replace Obamacare. Senator Rand Paul introduced a companion bill in Senate. The House passed (217-213) the American Health Care Act on May 4, 2017. Similar legislation in the Senate was voted down.

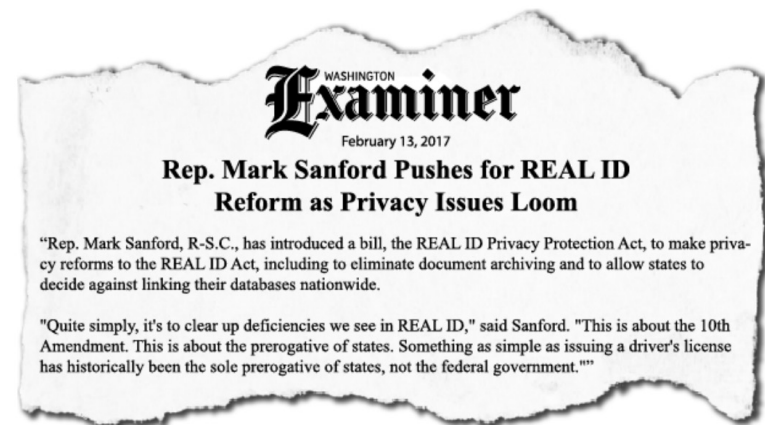
FREEDOM TO TRAVEL TO CUBA ACT

This bill, with 131 bipartisan cosponsors in the 114th Congress, would remove the travel ban to Cuba that has been in place for more than 50 years. U.S. laws restricting travel to Cuba violate the civil liberties of U.S. citizens and embody government over-regulation, especially given that the U.S. Supreme Court has recognized that “travel abroad...may be as close to the heart of the individual as the choice of what he eats, or wears, or reads.... [and] is an important aspect of the citizen's 'liberty'.”

Americans are free to travel to every country on the planet except one: Cuba. Indeed, we are free to travel to North Korea even though Kim Jong-un has threatened to kill every American and detonated multiple nuclear bombs only a few months ago. President Ronald Reagan championed freedom to travel to the Soviet Union as an effective foreign policy in the service of exposing people behind the Iron Curtain to American ideals.

REAL ID PRIVACY PROTECTION ACT

REAL ID has been a thorn in South Carolina's side since it was introduced in 2005. As governor, Sanford formally objected to DHS Secretary Chertoff in 2008 on the implementation of REAL ID, along with Montana's Governor Schweitzer. In 2017, Sanford introduced the REAL ID Privacy Protection Act to make privacy reforms to REAL ID Act, including eliminating archiving of information and allowing states to decide against linking their databases nationwide.



Sanford noted, “I continue this fight now because the REAL ID Act is an unfunded mandate that essentially creates a de facto national database, which threatens personal privacy and violates state sovereignty. This is about the 10th Amendment, the prerogative of the states. Something as simple as a driver's license has historically been the sole prerogative of states, not federal government,”

Amendments Offered

Flight-sharing Amendment (aka “Uber for Planes”) — Introduced this amendment during the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee markup of the FAA Reauthorization bill: H.R. 4441 (2/11/16). Adopted by voice in Committee. It would have allowed private pilots to connect with travelers over the internet and split the cost of a flight, thereby reducing the cost of flying and expanding individual choice in terms of where and how to travel.

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Rep. Sanford’s efforts to support flight-sharing would resolve such regulatory quagmires by allowing a new and market changing service to benefit consumers and the economy.

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for TAX REFORM

Key Cosponsorships

Email Privacy Act — In 1986, Congress passed the Electronic Communications Privacy Act (ECPA), which unfortunately contains a loophole that allows the government to search any email older than 180 days stored on a third-party server, such as Google or Yahoo, without a warrant. This legislation seeks to update the ECPA so that all government agencies must get a warrant to search Americans’ online communications, regardless of when the email was crafted. **Passed House, 114 & 115th Congress.**

Amendment to Curb Asset Seizures — Seeks to make it illegal for the federal government to take assets that are seized by local authorities. Passed by voice vote and banned a practice that supplants the authority of states to regulate their own law enforcement and peels back states’ rights. **Passed House, September 2017.**

Medical Cannabis Research Act — Allows the Veterans Affairs Department to provide recommendations to veterans to participate in federally-approved cannabis clinical trials and expands the number of cannabis manufacturers registered under the Controlled Substances Act.

Education Savings Accounts For Military Families Act — Expands school choice for military families and allows federal dollars allocated for their child to be redirected to a savings account that can be used at a school that best fits their child’s needs.

Right to Try Act — Grants terminally-ill patients access to drugs that have already passed the FDA’s basic safety testing but haven’t yet received final approval. **Passed House, signed into law May 2018.**

Authorization for the Use of Military Force Against ISIS — Ends the 2001 and 2002 AUMFs immediately and replaces them with a single AUMF against al-Qaeda, ISIS, and the Taliban that would sunset in three years.

USA Rights Act — Prevents warrantless, backdoor searches of Americans’ communications that are routinely swept up under a program designed to spy on foreign targets. Sanford consistently opposed FISA Section 702 reauthorization while in Congress.

Key Votes

Voted against a resolution to block the FCC Broadband Internet Privacy Rule, which requires internet service providers to ask for permission before they can share the private data of customers.

Voted against a resolution to allow warrantless searches in parts of Virginia, Maryland, and the District of Columbia - one of 5 Representatives to vote against the bill.

Voted against Intelligence Authorization Acts of 2015, 2016 and 2018 for the way in which these bills didn’t go far enough to reign in the National Security Agency and continued to authorize mass data collection and surveillance of U.S. citizens under the USA Freedom Act and the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act.

Other Action

Signed letters to Presidents Obama and Trump urging them to seek new Authorization for Use of Military Force from Congress before conducting airstrikes in Syria. Near identical letters were drafted and sent to both presidents in 2013 and 2018, but Sanford was 1 of only 15 Republicans to sign both letters.

AUMF Letter to **Obama** in 2013: **119 Rs** | **21 Ds**
AUMF Letter to **Trump** in 2018: **73 Ds** | **15 Rs**

PRESERVING QUALITY OF LIFE IN THE LOWCOUNTRY

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Congressman Sanford continues to be a strong voice for land protection, clean air and water in South Carolina and beyond. From opposing a fiscally irresponsible and environmentally toxic rollback of methane rules to introducing the Coastal Economics Protection Act, Congressman Sanford has been an important conservative voice for conservation.



Legislation Introduced

COASTAL ECONOMIES PROTECTION ACT

Seeks to suspend offshore drilling and all related activities in the waters off the East Coast for the next ten years. States should never be but wards of the federal government. In this case, people from up and down the Atlantic coast have said in unequivocal fashion that what happens next in their communities should be driven by local decisions rather than mandates that come from Washington. The bill is supported by more than 60 local grassroots organizations.

Congressmen join Sanford opposing offshore testing, drilling

BY BO PETERSEN

More than 30 members of Congress have joined U.S. Rep. Mark Sanford's in calling on federal regulators to halt the approval process for oil and natural gas testing and drilling offshore.

Twenty-five Democrats and eight Republicans, led by Sanford, R-S.C., and Rep. Bobby Scott, D-Va., signed a letter to Abigail Ross Hopper, Bureau

of Ocean Energy Management director. They request the bureau conduct a new environmental assessment of the proposed work based on the many studies that show harm to fisheries and marine mammals due to human-produced noise, including seismic airgun testing.

BOEM has not received the letter and declined to comment, said spokeswoman Blossom Robinson on Thursday afternoon.

In seismic tests, powerfully loud air guns are fired repeatedly underwater to read "echoes" from the bottom geology. The tests can open the way for drilling test wells.

How much the seismic gun noise disturbs endangered species such as the right whale and sea turtles is a contested issue between environmental and industry interests; leasing in offshore waters has tended to

include some noise, season and distance restrictions to protect the creatures.

Seismic guns emit sound blasts that can deafen and injure marine animals, according to studies by the Navy and other groups. But they have been used for 30 years by research groups as well as the industry, and extensively in the Gulf of Mexico.

The issue cuts to the heart of coastal life, where people appear largely support curbing exploration to protect dolphins, whales, sea turtles and other marine life, as well as a billion-dollar tourism economy. Nearly 90 municipalities along the Atlantic

Coast, including nearly all in South Carolina, have passed resolutions opposing the work.



Sanford

The Post and Courier

Friday, December 11, 2015

PROMOTING FLOOD RISK MANAGEMENT ACT

Commissions a study to revamp the FEMA buyout process of repeatedly flooded homes. On average, homes take 5.5 years to be bought out by FEMA, which means that between the time a person indicates that they want to be bought out and the buyout taking place many more storms and millions of dollars of damage can take place. This bill will have the Government Accountability Office look into how to improve the process so that taxpayer money can be spent wiser on flooding. **Passed House, June 2018.**

FLOOD RISK MANAGEMENT STANDARD ACT

Included as part of the Disaster Recovery Reform Act, which was signed into law as part of the Bipartisan Budget Deal of 2018. The Flood Risk Management Standard sets minimum building codes to receive federal money to build in flood prone areas. The standard was recently rolled back by the Trump Administration to a 1970s standard. My office, working with the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, secured language in the Disaster Recovery Reform Act that reset the minimum building code to an industry-based solution. This new standard will ensure proper building levels and save the taxpayer money in future building costs, and the language was then placed into the Bipartisan Budget Act and signed into law. **Passed House, signed into law February 2018.**

FORT SUMTER AND FORT MOULTRIE NATIONAL PARK ACT

Joined Senator Tim Scott to introduce this bicameral bill to establish Fort Sumter and Fort Moultrie as a national park, helping to preserve their historical significance. These two sites are profoundly important to our nation and represent an essential part of South Carolina's role in securing the personal freedoms we all enjoy today.



Tim Scott, Mark Sanford revive attempt to designate Fort Moultrie and Fort Sumter as national parks

Two Charleston members of Congress have revived an attempt to designate Fort Moultrie and Fort Sumter as national parks.

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DISASTER ASSISTANCE EQUITY ACT

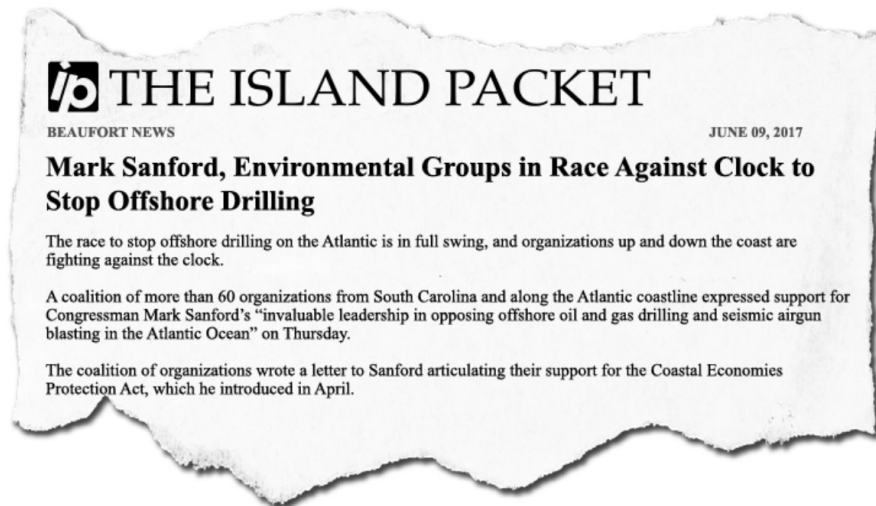
Seeks to allow to community associations to be eligible for federal assistance during natural disasters. Currently, residents of community associations pay federal taxes yet cannot benefit from disaster assistance, despite the fact that a natural disaster does not distinguish between a community associations and other neighborhoods. This is particularly relevant to places like Beaufort County where it's estimated 60% of residents live within a community association. Near identical version of bill, signed into law October 5, 2018.

SHELLFISH AQUACULTURE IMPROVEMENT ACT

Modernizes the Merchant Marine Act of 1920 and exempts shellfish farmers from current regulations forcing them to carry multiple forms of duplicative insurance.

Amendments Offered

Amendment to ban offshore drilling and seismic testing in the Atlantic Ocean and Eastern Gulf of Mexico — This amendment to the 2019 Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act would have prohibited funds from being used by the government to conduct offshore drilling and seismic testing activities in the Atlantic Ocean, and the Eastern Gulf of Mexico.



Key Cosponsorships

Reconstruction Era National Historic Park Act — Worked with Congressman Jim Clyburn to introduce this bill to turn the current Reconstruction Era National Monument into a national park and create a national network of Reconstruction Era sites overseen from Beaufort County. Further, this bill would expand the monument's footprint to include the city of Beaufort's historic district and St. Helena Island. **Passed House, September 2018.**



Atlantic Seismic Airgun Protection Act — Seeks to stop seismic airgun testing, a precursor to offshore oil drilling, off the Atlantic Coast. Communities all along the Lowcountry have been vocally opposed to seismic testing, and this bill represents a move to halt this process.

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Rep. Sanford has consistently listened to concerns from coastal communities he represents. He led the fight to stop offshore drilling off our coast as our representative in Washington, D.C., and continues efforts to stop seismic blasting for oil and gas off our coast.

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Key Votes

Voted against repeal of the STREAM Rule — Helps to defend people downstream from streams and rivers from dangerous pollution and coal runoff as a result of explosive mountaintop removal mining. Local communities should not be paying for coal mining with their health and safety.

Voted against repeal of Bureau of Land Management Methane Rule — Reduces leaked, vented and flared natural gas and methane waste from oil and gas operations on public and tribal lands. Resources owned collectively by the American public should be preserved wherever possible.



Other Action

Worked with Transportation and Infrastructure Committee to raise funding level for critical water projects in Lakes Marion and Moultrie, raising the funding level from \$60 million to \$89.5 million. Particularly important for the ways in which these water projects tie to the development of the Volvo Plant and the growth and development in and around Berkeley County. **Passed House, September 2018.**

Wrote the Director of South Carolina's Department of Health and Environmental Control, urging DHEC to delay Google's permit request to increase groundwater withdrawal activities until local regulators have adopted a responsible groundwater management plan that incorporates all the findings from two new studies.

Co-led a bipartisan letter with 102 other Representatives to the Secretary of Interior, requesting that no final seismic testing airgun blasting permits be issued.

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Conservatism should apply to more than just financial resources...it should apply to natural resources as well.

— MARK SANFORD

Co-led a bipartisan letter with over 100 other Representatives to the Secretary of Interior, asking to keep the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans off limits to new oil and gas leases.

Named Solar Energy Institute of America's Solar Champion for 2018. Award given out annually to the member of Congress that best champions the cause for solar energy.

Hosted Congressional Leadership Transportation Tour of Charleston — In 2017, Sanford hosted House Transportation Committee Chairman Bill Shuster and others to tour Charleston's

Port and Harbor Deepening Project for a first-hand look at the critical water and intermodal infrastructure improvements, discussing how they impact the local and regional economy.



Lowcountry Local Issues

Protecting the Trees along the I-26 Gateway to Charleston — A vocal majority of those in the Lowcountry opposed the Department of Transportation's plans for a wholesale clear-cut of trees in the 30-mile median on I-26 between Summerville and I-95. In public hearings and an op-ed in *The Post & Courier*, Sanford spoke out against the plans to remove the trees, noting the significance of preserving the unique look and feel of the roadway for the ways in which it serves as the front door or gateway for most who travel to the Lowcountry. A compromise was struck and an approved plan saw trees removed in just the most dangerous stretches of roadway, totaling 7 miles, while leaving 17 miles of trees untouched.



Efforts to Save Crab Bank

— A popular destination for local kayakers and paddlers, Crab Bank is uniquely special to shorebirds as a nesting place and temporary home for migratory birds such as brown pelicans, black skimmers, American oystercatchers and others. Once more than 18 acres in size, today Crab Bank has eroded to less than an acre. Sanford has joined local

conservationists in supporting a common sense solution which would see the bank renourished with soils from the Charleston Harbor Deepening Project.

Pushed for Successful DHEC Delay on Revised Beachfront Jurisdictional Lines

— After coastal constituents were caught off-guard by Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) announcement revising beachfront jurisdictional lines, Rep. Sanford requested the agency to expand public comment period from 30-days to 6-months, allowing constituents time ample time to respond to proposed revisions.



Tri-County Waterfront Park — The Charleston area will see a flood of new inhabitants over the next 30 years, not to mention the next 100 years. There will be increasingly less open space, and once it is gone, it is gone forever. Dating back to his time as governor, Sanford has continued to push for efforts to build a park at the southernmost tip of Daniel Island. The 1300-acre tract of land is already owned by South Carolina taxpayers and currently being leased to the SC Ports Authority. The proposed Tri-County Waterfront Park would account for approximately 450 of those acres, providing public access to the water, land and air.



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When you think of the great parks in the great cities of the world, there are two constants. They enhance value. Some of the most expensive living spaces in the world are the places closest to these parks. That's true on Fifth Avenue in New York overlooking Central Park; it is true of Millennium Park in Chicago, just as it is true of the parks in cities like London, Sydney, or Paris. The quality of life for all people in the area is geometrically enhanced by having open space in urban environments. Charleston is a world-class city as well. To keep it that way, as our area gets crowded over the next 100 years, I believe it needs a world-class park.

— MARK SANFORD

MAKING OUR COUNTRY MORE COMPETITIVE

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The greatest advances of civilization, whether in architecture or painting, in science and literature, in industry or agriculture, have never come from centralized government.

—MILTON FRIEDMAN

Legislation Introduced

PROMOTING RESPONSIBLE AND FREE TRADE ACT

Seeks to provide Congress a proactive role in the implementation of tariffs. The bill does so by giving Congress a “seat at the table” with the ability to weigh in on any tariff before it is implemented by holding hearings, requesting more data, and ultimately the power to approve or deny the accompanying report, compiled by the relevant government agency, that contains suggested tariff levels.

Key Cosponsorships

Protecting American Solar Jobs Act — Repeals the Section 201 tariff that has been implemented on imported solar panels.

Global Trade Accountability Act — Reins in the President’s power when it comes to unilateral trade actions and would allow Congress to approve or deny each action.

Protecting Affordable Coverage for Employees Act — Protects America’s small businesses from healthcare premium increases under the Affordable Care Act as it amends the law to maintain the definition of small employer as those with 50 or fewer employees. **Signed into law, October 2015.**

TAILOR Act — Requires financial regulators to tailor regulations to account for the differences in size and business practices of financial institutions with a focus on limiting regulatory burdens and eliminating harmful indirect effects. The idea that financial regulations should be “one-size-fits-all” only works if financial institutions are all truly one size, which they are not. **Passed House, March 2018.**

A bill to amend the Trade Expansion Act of 1962 to require Congressional approval before the President adjusts imports that are determined to threaten to impair national security — Adjusts the President’s power on Section 232 tariffs by forcing a Congressional vote before the new tariff could go into effect. This would allow Congress an approval over any tariff claimed to impact our national security.

Cuba Trade Act — Lifts the Cuban embargo and allows private businesses in the United States to trade freely with Cuba. The American people overwhelmingly support lifting the Cuban embargo, and taxpayer funds would not be allowed to promote or develop this new market.

Puerto Rico Humanitarian Relief Act — Provides a 5-year halt on the Jones Act, which requires American-crewed ships in moving commerce between American ports.

Protect Medical Innovation Act — Repeals Obamacare’s harmful tax on medical device companies that increases the cost of healthcare. **Passed House, July 2018.**

Regulations from the Executive in Need of Scrutiny (REINS) Act — Requires congressional approval for any regulatory change with over \$100 million impact to US economy. **Passed House, January 2017.**

WHEEL Act — Allows for an opt-in pilot program amongst states that would let individuals age 18-21 drive commercial trucks across state lines.

Amendments Offered

Amendment to FAA to alter the Section 336 model aircraft exemption — This amendment would allow common sense changes to the way in which the FAA classifies model aircraft operators and recreational drone operators so that recreational drones are properly classified and regulated. **Passed House, September 2018.**

Amendment to end ban on supersonic flight testing and travel — Offered as part of the FAA reauthorization that would work to implement new rules regarding the testing and operating of supersonic air travel, which is currently banned over continental United States. **Adopted in 2018 FAA Bill, signed into law September 2018.**

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The United States has always been the world leader in advancing aerospace innovation. Thanks to Representative Sanford's work on the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018, that will remain true well into the supersonic era. In the near future, when flight times around the globe are cut in half, you'll have Rep. Sanford's foresight in part to thanks.

— SAMUEL HAMMOND,
DIRECTOR AT NISKANEN CENTER

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lay the groundwork for more of it to be used by the Army Corps. **Passed House, October 2018.**

Amendment to 2018 Water Resources Development Act to allow for reimbursement of advance funds for Army Corps projects — Allows entities, like the Port of Charleston, who have entered into an Advance Project Agreement with the Army Corps to be reimbursed for funds that they have advanced past their committed share. Simply put, it will help ensure that the Harbor Deepening project continues to be on schedule and that the Port of Charleston will be properly reimbursed for what they are owed. **Passed House, signed into law October 2018.**

Key Votes

Voted for the Water Infrastructure Improvement for the Nation (WIIN) Act of 2016, which authorizes funding for key water infrastructure projects, one of which is \$231 million for the deepening of the Charleston Harbor. What's notable about the bill is not only which projects were authorized, but the way those projects were approved. The WIIN Act's passage and signing into law shows the federal government can responsibly fund infrastructure projects — something that's more so a novelty in Washington today. **Passed House, signed into law December 2016.**

Amendment to simplify duplicative drone pilot programs — Seeks to reduce redundancies and align multiple programs within the Federal Aviation Administration's drone pilot programs, ensuring greater operational efficiency. **Adopted in 2018 FAA Bill, signed into law September 2018.**

Amendment to 2018 Water Resources Development Act to allow for more natural infrastructure to be used in flooding projects — Commissions a study to look at how to properly encourage the use of natural infrastructure by the Army Corps of Engineers for flooding prevention projects. Natural infrastructure has been proven to save millions of dollars in storms and this amendment would

Voted for the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017, which was first major overhaul of tax code in 31 years. Fundamentally, it was a corporate tax reduction aimed at restoring American competitiveness in the global economy. **Passed House, signed into law December 2017.**

Voted for the SCRUB ACT, which would create a temporary commission to identify outdated regulations to be repealed by agencies to offset any new regulations they propose.

Voted for the Financial CHOICE Act, which would reduce the regulatory burden on small and community banks imposed under Dodd-Frank. It also improved investor access to capital and increased penalties on Wall Street's wrongful activity.

Voted for the Regulatory Accountability Act, which would require agencies to conduct cost benefit analysis for new rules and regulations with anticipated economic effects of \$100 million or more, and to choose the least costly option that sufficiently protects the public.

Other Action

Led a bipartisan letter signed by 69 Members of Congress to Chairman Rhonda Schmidlein of the US International Trade Commission, opposing tariffs that would harm the solar industry.

Led a bipartisan letter signed by 72 Members of Congress to United States Trade Representative Robert Lighthizer, raising concerns that a new, proposed rule of origin standard in the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) would diminish America's global, competitive advantage in the auto industry.

Signed onto multiple trade letters regarding harmful tariffs, opposing these proposed tariffs on Canadian softwood lumber imports, Canadian newsprint paper, imported automobiles and auto parts, etc.



UPHOLDING THE RULE OF LAW

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A government of laws not men.

— *John Adams*

Legislation Introduced

BILL TO END FOREIGN AID TO PAKISTAN & REDIRECT FUNDS TO US INFRASTRUCTURE

Prohibits non-defense aid to Pakistan - a country that knowingly provides resources for terrorists - and reinvests this funding in U.S. infrastructure. Since September 11, 2001, the United States has provided nearly \$34 billion in aid to Pakistan, including \$526 million in 2017 alone.

Key Cosponsorships

No Bonuses for Terrorists Act — Seeks to cut off US aid to the Palestinian government until the Secretary of State certifies that the Palestinian government stops paying benefits to the families of terrorists that aren't available to the Palestinian population at large.

Amendment to Eliminate Congressional Obamacare Exemption — Ensures that any law passed by Congress that applies to their constituents must apply equally to Members of Congress as well. **Passed House, May, 2017.**

Concealed Carry Reciprocity Act — Allows a qualified person to carry a concealed handgun into or possess a concealed handgun in another state that allows individuals to carry concealed firearms. **Passed House, December 2017.**

Global Trade Accountability Act — Reasserts the constitutional authority of Congress in trade decisions with foreign nations. Actions include the imposition or removal of quotas, tariffs or other tools used to shape US trade relations.

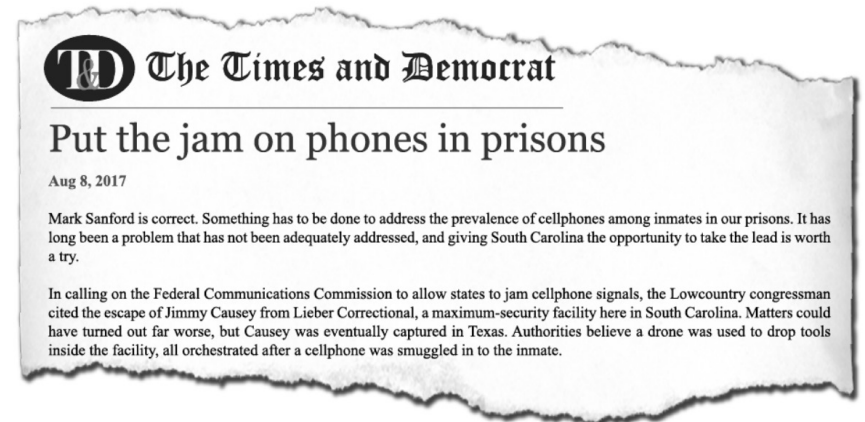
Securing America's Future Act — Enforces our immigration laws and reforms our legal immigration programs by ending chain migration and increasing the number of green cards available for skilled workers. Grants renewable legal status to DACA recipients without providing amnesty in the form of citizenship. It also authorizes funding for a border wall and adding 10,000 additional Border Patrol personnel.

Defense Authorization Amendment Regarding Overseas Contingency Operation — Would codify specific guidelines developed by the Office of Management Budget into practice at the Department of Defense to determine which activities would qualify to use war funding, which is not subject to budget caps.

Defense Authorization Amendment Regarding Indefinite Detention — Aimed to repeal two sections of the bill that had been retained since 2012 and that allowed for indefinite detention of enemy combatants.

Other Action

Pushed for Cell Phone Jamming Technology in SC Prisons. Wrote Federal Communications Commissioner Pai requesting official review of the use of cell phone jamming technology within prisons and providing suggestions of how to mitigate the proliferation of illegal wireless devices within state and local correctional facilities.



CONSTITUENT SERVICE

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While others are ducking constituent dissent by skipping town halls, Sanford has consistently walked toward it with his hand extended. While others talk circles around themselves rather than commit to an opinion, Sanford says it straight.

—LIZ FARRELL
March 6, 2017

 THE ISLAND PACKET

Since 2013, Congressman Sanford's office has helped more than 5,200 constituents navigate the maze of federal bureaucracy for problems as simple as expediting a last-minute passport for a family wedding abroad to the more complex, such as helping one veteran secure \$176,000 in retroactive compensation for a diagnosis related to Agent Orange exposure. Other examples include working with a constituent to successfully secure \$93,000 from the Internal Revenue Service over a disputed estate tax and helping a local family obtain military medals and awards for their father, a deceased combat veteran.

Sanford held monthly **Open Door After 4** meetings in which folks from all walks of life could sit down and talk with the Congressman privately about whatever was on their minds. Even more frequently, Sanford hosted **Neighborhood Office Hours** several times a month in locations across the district, giving constituents convenient access to voice their concerns. Additionally, Sanford staff held monthly Mobile Office Hours in more than ten local libraries and municipal centers in an effort promote greater accessibility to constituent services.

By The Numbers...

700+ Public constituent events hosted by Congressman Sanford
*Ranked #3 most accessible member of Congress by Legistorm

5,000+ Constituents assisted with federal agency casework

1,100+ Facebook posts and vote explanations

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This is so Mark Sanford. While many congressional Republicans were actively hiding from their constituents, he showed up Saturday in Mount Pleasant and spent more than three hours at a town hall meeting. It didn't matter that liberals set up the event, that some people yelled at him or disagreed with him. He just kept talking until he was lingering with the last few stragglers in the parking lot.

—BRIAN HICKS
February 22, 2017

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